

TOWN OF GROTON

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Office of the: Council on Aging Kathy Shelp, Director

COA Future Planning Committee Meeting September 1, 2016 1pm @COA Minutes

Members Present: George Faircloth, Mihran Keoseian, Marie Melican, Norma Garvin, Bob Lotz,

Peter Cunningham, Gail Chalmers, Mihran Keosian

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp

Meeting was opened by the Chair, 1:00pm.

A motion to accept March 29 minutes was made by Bob Lotz with a 2nd by peter Cunningham Unanimously approved.

Director's Updates:

None

Matters for Review and Discussion

- The Chair updated the committee on the Feasibility Oversite Committee

 Building Site Analysis was reviewed by the chair. Praise was given to the
 Feasibility Oversight Committee for their detailed, objective work. Bob Lotz
 noted the metric of walkability to compare the centers was very subjective and he
 would recommend a different rating, also noting it would not change the outcome.
 The Feasibility Committee will attend the Fin Com meeting on Tuesday,
 September 6 to update the study.
 - The COA Article on the Warrant for Fall Town Meeting was discussed.
- The committee discussed a new mission statement. The Chair suggested we omit a vision statement and update the mission. He explained a mission statement explains/defines the Center's reason for its existence. IT describes the center and what it does and its overall intention. Kathy also added a good mission statement gives solid direction to employees.

Suggested mission: The Groton COA serves as the community focal point promoting independence of older adults, through information and referral, support, health and wellness, socialization and education. Providing opportunities for all individuals as they age by leveraging resources, developing a sustainable future, and engaging in strong partnerships and collaborations.

After discussion the mission:

The Groton COA serves as the community focal point to promote independence of older adults, through information and referral, support, health and wellness, socialization and education. The Council on Aging provides opportunities for all individuals as they age by leveraging resources, developing a sustainable future, and engaging in strong partnerships and collaborations.

A new building name was presented:

The Center

Your place for Health, Wellness and Life Long Learning

After discussion a final new building name is recommended

The Center

Your place for Support, Wellness and Life Long Learning

Both the building name change and the new mission will be recommended to the COA Board of Directors for their approval.

Review Actions

None

Next meeting TBD

A motion to close the meeting was made by Peter Cunningham and 2^{nd} by Norma Garvin at 2:30pm

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Shelp, COA Director

Senior Center si	ght visits 2016		
	Likes	Dislikes	Interesting
Milford	Easy entrance	lobby like Dr office	trying to get men
	great storage	small lobby sitting area	man cave failed(one pool table)
	donated space (each room)	long hall	outgrew fitness room
	multi-purpose room	wasted space middle entrance	hair salon
	kitchen	locked office	
	patio	no tech room	
	fitness room		
	man cave intention		
Westford	poolroom	basement access	renovated school
	kitchen	stroage	comfortable feel
	entrance not open to weather	office space removed	made money thrift shop
	furnishings	no outdoors	community center seperat from
	staffing	multi purpose office space	senior center
	gift shop	immediate stairs	library quiet
	sitting room		
	library		
	craft room		
Tyngsborough	none	none	none
Pepperell	partio	High ceiling	High participation
	drop off area	small rooms	10 years old outgrown
	location	cold lobby	
	parking	no storage	
		exercise in dining room	
		clutter	
	Likes	Dislikes	Interesting
Townsend	outside access drop off	too small	building donated
	floors (rubber?)	not enough rooms	Share common space with library
	homey	rooms too small	
	warm	drafty entrance/lobby	
	beautiful	connecting hallway wasted space	
	community room can separate	2.2. 3 2. 2,	
	outside access drop off		
	chalk board		
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